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18 Members Of The ACRS Receive Certificates

Eighteen members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, having successfully completed the Emergency Medical Services Training Course, proudly display Certificates presented to them on Tuesday, June 27th. They are, front row from the left, Anderson Scruggs, James Rogers, Nina Beasley, Harry Ferguson, Jr., Nellie Paulette Almond, and Jack Williams; second row from the left are Ray Noble, Kelly O'Brien, Richard Bartell, Bill Sperry, and Perry Davis and on the back row are Pete Doss and Grover Beasley, Jr. Members receiving the Certificates but not available for the picture were Beck Hudson, Abner Scruggs, Gordon Staples, A. A. Bohannon and Toby Inge.

Along with the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, ten members of the Concord Rescue Squad and one member of the Gladstone Rescue Squad earned Certificates for the course which began in December of 1971, requiring 71 hours of text and practical training in advanced medical attention for rescue squad personnel. The Emergency Medical Services Training Course was set up by the Virginia Department of Health Services. Dr. A. A. Fratrick was local coordinato.

The Pastor Speaks

'AT PEACE WITH GOD'

Romans 5:1-2 says 'Therefore being (having been) justified by faith, we have 'peace' with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God,"

If we have a fair understanding of the preceding chapters of Romans the above statement has a real meaning to us. Preceding this statement Paul has shown the awesome condition of man in his natural state and told us that the only way for his Salvation is "Justification by faith."

The first chapters of Romans never grow old to the mature believer because from them he understands the real condition of the natural man, and he can more fully appreciate his position in Jesus Christ. When we get the picture of the natural man from the first chapters of Romans, we are made to understand that Salvation must be: "By grace are ye saved through faith and not of ourselves: it is the gift of God," (Eph. 2:8-9). The fourth chapter of Romans shows that both Abraham and David learned this great and important lesson of justification by faith, Salvation by grace.

However, in the passage quoted we learn another wonderful truth. The male heir is justified by faith, and the blessed results of justification by faith in Jesus Christ is "peace with God!"

Think of that! What a contrast God's work makes -- the unbeliever is the enemy of God (Col. 1:21): But Jesus Christ has made peace with God, for the 'believer', through the 'Blood' of His cross (Col. 1:20). Hallelujah! What a Saviour, I am at 'peace' with God!

Ernie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

FLUCTUATING FAITH

Lesson for July 9, 1972

Background Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; John 16: 7-15.
Devotional Reading: John 16: 7-15.

"I feel so ashamed!"

This is what a woman said to me recently as she confessed that in a time of great suffering she had found her faith trembling under the strain. Seeds of doubt about God's love had been planted in her heart. She had begun to lose hope.

As I have done with others before who have had similar experiences, I reminded her of some of the great figures of the Bible who also in stress had experienced doubt and despair. One of the best illustrations of this is the experience of the prophet Elijah, He was a great man of faith, a spokesman for God, yet he had known the reality of fluctuating faith in his own life.

'Sometimes I'm Down . . ."

To really appreciate the 19th chapter of 1 Kings, we must also be familiar with the 18th chapter. In 1 Kings 19 we see a man hopeless with despair, Queen Jezebel, in a rage, had threatened his life and the writer tells us: 'Then he was afraid, and he rose and went for his life . . .' (19:3). Fleeing to the wilderness, he sinks in weariness beneath a broom tree and asks that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life . . ." (19:4). Elijah had given up hope; he was throwing in the towel.

If we read 1 Kings 18, however, we can't help be amazed at his attitude. His despair in the wilderness follows close on the heels of a tremendous victory against the heathen prophets and their gods on Mount Carmel. What an hour of triumph it had been! What a vindication for this man of God! Now, how, after that mountain-top experience, could Elijah be so down in the dumps?

Elijah's change of heart is reminiscent of the old Negro spiritual, "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've See":

Sometimes I'm up,
Sometimes I'm down . . .
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground . . .

Let us not despair over our occasional experiences of fluctuating faith if even so great a man of God as Elijah fell so low, so fast.

Looking In The Wrong Places

Elijah heard God's voice, not in the impressive earthquake, wind, and fire, but in "a still small voice" (19:12). Often, we too look for God in the wrong place. We look for him in the great and impressive experiences of life, only to find that we may hear him best, like Elijah, when we're at the bottom of the heap.

"What are you doing here, Elijah" (19:13b). God wants to know. What are you doing here wringing your hands and crying, when I have work for you to do, "Go, return . . ." (19:15).

This is also what he says to us in our experiences of fluctuating faith, when, at last, we are willing to listen to his still small voice speak to us.

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Letter To The Editor

Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.
To the Editor:

Miracles do happen today -- Yes, I am referring to our recent flood. Especially to the fast repair the Appomattox Highway Department did so well. They deserve many thanks for working day and night to get our roads back in order. Thanks for the job well done.

Dr. Clyde O'Brien

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Flood Damage To Vepco Estimated At $3.5 Million

With electric service restored to nearly all customers, Virginia Electric and Power Company crews continued their round-the clock efforts to clean up and repair power facilities, and to determine the extent of damage caused by the flood.

T. Justin Moore, Jr., Vepco president, said, "It is impossible at this time to estimate damage completely until all the mud, water and debris have been removed from the power stations, substations, and transmission and distribution lines that were in the path of the flood.

"Current estimates of damage," he said, "Amount to $3.5 million and may exceed that, depending upon conditions at the Bremo Power Station." Despite a huge dike that protected the station during the Camille storm in 1969, the Bremo station was inundated to a level of six feet above the turbine and boiler room operating floors.

"Damage to the system would have been far greater," Mr. Moore said, "except for the strenuous efforts of Vepco personnel, many of whom worked from Wednesday through the week end with only a few hours rest, first in trying to prevent complete disruption and then in cleaning up and restoring service. It is impossible to express just how proud we are of the work these men and women have done.

"All of us also owe tremendous thanks to the men and women in municipal, county and state government services, the volunteer rescue squads, National Guard, Coast Guard, police and fire departments and to many others who joined forces to aid the unfortunate, keep order and reduce the havoc of the flood.

"Until the Vepco crews complete their clean up work and can fully assess the damage, we cannot say precisely when the power stations at Bremo and at 12th Street in Richmond will be returned to service.

"At this moment, we have sufficient capacity to meet customer demand unless we encounter unanticipated and extreme summer weather conditions. Prior to the flood we had estimated our reserve margin at 12 per cent, assuming our Surry nuclear unit becomes operational this summer. Without Bremo and the 12th Street power stations, our reserve margin will be reduced to about seven per cent over the estimated summer peak."

The combined capacity of Bremo and 12th Street is approximately 340,000 kilowatts, and it is anticipated it will be four to five months before the stations are returned to service.

The substations at Bremo and at Manchester, south of Richmond, are expected to return to service late this week. Generation has been slightly curtailed at the Chesterfield power plant due to trash and debris clogging cooling systems. The flood crest of the Appomattox is expected to pass the Harvell Substation near Petersburg some time Monday night. A mobile sub-station is standing by, although it is not anticipated that it will be necessary to put it into operation.

Modernistic Club News Bulletin

A lovely service was held at Galilee Baptist Sunday at the regular preaching hour. Rev. Lawing used as a theme: "You Can't Come Back Home Anymore," which was explained well to the audience.

The classes of 1950, 51, 52 and 53 were special guests of Galilee. The members and friends were very happy to have had them worship at Galilee. The class returned to their old stamping grounds for a reunion, and a get together. I am sure the classes had an enjoyable time. The faculty, members and friends enjoyed the affair as much as the classes did.

We hope that this will be the beginning of many other reunions of classes which have gone out from the former, "dear old Carver-Price High School."

The program committee of Galilee Baptist, wishes to thank the members and friends who helped to make the "Youth Program", Sunday at 3 p.m. a success. We thank the youth for appearing on their own program. Thank our sister churches who appeared on the program. Thank those who desired to come over, but for other committments, were unable to share with us. We appreciate your fine spirit of co-operation greatly.

We are happy to report to you that the sick in the community, and elsewhere, are improving at this writing. We pray, that they may continue to improve.

Mrs. Maggie Tibbs, who has been on an extensive vacation, visiting her children in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md., and York, Pa., has returned. Mrs. Tibbs gives an account of a very restful and peaceful vacation.

In and Out of Town

Those who came in for last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Lanfand Watkins of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Leon Turner, and children, from Philly, Penn., were visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hamlet here, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Turner, Sr., of Spout Spring, Va., and Appomattox, respectfully.

Visiting Miss Helen Stevens and family is Mrs. Maria McKenzie, from Jamacia, West Indies. From here, she and Miss Stevens will attend the hair dressers' convention held in Philadelphia, Pa., known as the "Beauty Trade" or "Big Show."

Mrs. McKenzie has been visiting in Williamsburg, Va. where she attended the wedding ceremonies of her sister. She arrived in Appomattox, Va. Monday at 5:30 p.m. She is enjoying her stay here.

"See you next week!"

Song Feast Sponsored By Appomattox Assembly

The Appomattox Assembly will sponsor a song feast this Saturday evening at 7:30 in the main auditorium of the Intermediate School. Several local singing groups will make up the program. The general public is cordially invited to attend. A public offering will be asked for during the half of the program.

Over one hundred former graduates and friends of the classes of 1950 through 1953 attended the luncheon and special program last Saturday at the local Intermediate School. Mr. McKinley Tanner served as toastmaster. The entire program was well planned and carried out. A complete report will appear in a later copy along with several pictures.

A very large crowd attended the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. A large part of the congregation was composed of members of the reunion classes. The pastor of the church delivered a special message on "Home coming." Music was rendered by the Junior and Senior Choirs. All present enjoyed the service.

The regular meeting of the Appomattox Chapter of the NAACP will be held at the Mount Shiloh Community Center this coming Monday evening at 7:30 members and friends are asked to attend.

All churches are reminded of the Hasadiah Baptist Association annual meeting on July 27 and 28 at the Galilee Baptist Church. The moderator, Rev. H. J. Hendericks, is asking all churches to send delegates.

An appreciative crowd attended the annual youth day program at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. Mrs. Lillie C. Stevens was the guest speaker. She spoke from the subject "You are Important People". The literary program was presided over by Miss Brenda Stevens. The offering was lifted by Messers Tony Allen and Herbert Fleshman. Miss H. B. Stevens was the sponsor of the program. Remarks were given by the pastor.

The Culminating Rally Service, sponsored by the Ladies Club of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Hixburg, was held last Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. R. Q. Lawing was the guest speaker. The ladies reported the sum of $300. Mrs. Virginia served as mistress of ceremony.

The general public is invited to attend the installation service of the Rev. James Miller as the pastor of the Peakes Baptist Church this Sunday at 3 p.m. The Promise Land Baptist Church, pastor and choir will be the special guest. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church.

A large number of homecomers spent the long week end holiday here with relatives and friends.

Rev. A. B. Jones, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, Mr. J. A. Hamlet and Mrs. Hannah Rice attended the state meeting of assemblies at Va. State College in Petersburg recently.

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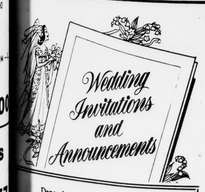
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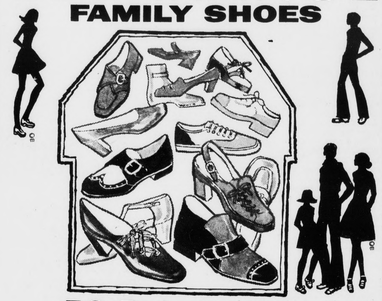
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